

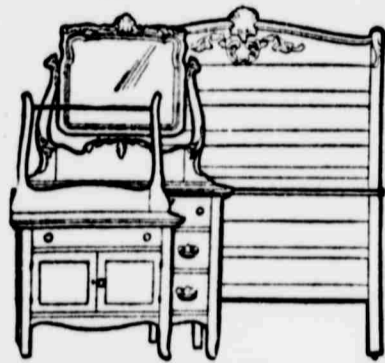
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(Fifth Floor.)

FIELD DAY FOR AN OLD LAG.

DOWNING BROUGHT FROM SING SING ON A HABEAS CORPUS.

Sees New York for the First Time in 24 Years—Justice Gaylor Seems to Think He Has Been Sufficiently Punished—What He Will Do If He Is Freed.

The Warden of the Sing Sing State Prison, through State Detective Jackson, the only detective employed by the State of New York, produced the life convict, John S. Downing, before Justice Gaylor, sitting at Special Term of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn, yesterday morning. Downing, who is 71 years old, has been in Sing Sing twenty-four years. He was produced in obedience to writs of habeas corpus and certiorari sued out by his attorney, Norman J. Marsh of 66 Broadway, returnable yesterday.

The old convict yesterday morning put on a "boiled" shirt and the other clothing of an ordinary citizen for the first time in nearly a quarter of a century. He wore the gold watch and chain which he had not seen since he was sent to prison. Downing's eyesight has failed so that he can no longer see to read and write and he cannot readily distinguish objects at a distance. He had little to say on the way to New York and he seemed hardly to realize where he was until the elevated train reached Houston street. Then the old man turned to Jackson and said:

"D'y'e mind that, now? We're on th' elevated, to be sure. Dummied if Oi wasn't after thinkin' we was still on the Central. Well, well, Oi guess the looks ave me is growin' old. Moll' oh, moll'!"

Going over the Bridge Downing was asked what he thought of it.

"Sure," he said in his mellow Irish brogue, "it's a mighty fine bridge, just like Oi knew t'w'd be. Didn't Oi see it when 't was builded and didn't Oi see the first cables laid? And thin, haven't Oi read about it? Sure, we keeps up with the times up the river, even if we are dead."

The case was called shortly before noon and Mr. Marsh occupied about fifteen minutes in presenting his argument, which seemed to interest Justice Gaylor very much. The lawyer said:

The relator pleaded guilty at the suggestion of the District Attorney of the county of New York to the crime of manslaughter in the first degree on Jan. 13, 1879. There was then no Penal Code, but the Revised Statutes provided that the punishment for manslaughter in the first degree should be imprisonment for not less than seven years. The same statute, however, fixed the penalty for murder in the first degree as death, and for murder in the second degree as imprisonment for life. I contend, therefore, that the Legislature, since it fixed the penalty of murder in the second degree at life imprisonment, never contemplated that a person should be imprisoned for life for a lesser degree of crime.

Furthermore, when the laws were codified, the Penal Code provided that the penalty for manslaughter in the first degree should be imprisonment for not more than twenty years. Therefore, since I believe it to be clear that this man, who has grown old and gray and feeble in prison, received an illegal sentence under the old Revised Statutes, and since he has served four years in Sing Sing, the Code requires as a punishment for his crime to which he pleaded guilty, I move for his discharge.

District Attorney Johnstone opposed the motion on behalf of the District Attorney of New York. Justice Gaylor and lawyers in the court room were astonished that the strenuous District Attorney of New York should butt into the case. It was supposed that the only person who might offer any opposition would be J. Addison Young, District Attorney of Westchester county, in which Sing Sing Prison is. Mr. Johnstone explained that he was on hand, because the crime was committed in New York county and the prisoner was sentenced there.

Jerome's assistant said that the sentence was perfectly legal and that it would be a very bad precedent for Justice Gaylor to interfere. He added, however, very sweetly, that the Court, which would have no objection to Downing seeking executive clemency.

"Do you know of any other case like this in the books?" asked the Justice of Jerome's man.

"I do not," replied Mr. Johnstone.

"Do you suppose for a moment," said Justice Gaylor, looking at Mr. Johnstone, "that the Legislature intended that the court should imprison a man for life for manslaughter in the first degree?"

Mr. Johnstone had no direct reply for this question, but said that the District Attorney had a kindly feeling for the old convict, but insisted that the Court which sentenced him (Judge Cowing) had a perfect right to consider all the circumstances when he passed sentence.

Justice Gaylor replied:

But life imprisonment was disposed of by another section, that for murder in the second degree. But the Legislature intended that a man in a case as this should be sent to prison for life? Such a thing was never heard of, except in barbarous times, when people were sentenced to death for stealing a loaf of bread. The terms of imprisonment are very long in this country, twice as long as they are in England.

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If I conclude that this man has been illegally sentenced I shall not send him back to prison. The term he might have served has expired.

The Court directed that briefs be submitted to-day and he remanded Downing to the custody of Detective Jackson and suggested that some place in Brooklyn or Manhattan be found in which to keep the prisoner until a decision was handed down. The old man told his lawyer, however, that if he couldn't be freed right away he'd rather go back to his old home in Sing Sing to wait the decision. Justice Gaylor acceded to Downing's wishes and, looking on the arm of Mr. Jackson, the old convict picked his way out of the court room.

They and Mr. Marsh went to the Fulton street restaurant for luncheon and the old man sat down composedly and made way with a very generous meal. Mr. Marsh ordered cigars. Downing took one, looked it over and put it down.

"Why don't you light up?" asked his lawyer.

"Sure, Oi can't smoke your way. Be-
cause, Oi've forgotten how. A good black
pipe is all Oi've had for all the years Oi've
been away."

Downing was persuaded, however, to try a pull at the cigar. He lighted the weed and puffed away contentedly.

"That interested you most when you got to New York?" Downing was asked by a Six man while the old man was eating his luncheon.

"Oh, be crível Oi don't know, indeed. I tuck a good look at that Court House, but the only thing that interests me now is to get out of prison. Sure, Oi've read read most of th' improvements that have been made here. That is, till me eyes went back on me about five years ago. But I tuck a line on Oi ride or write now. The thin electric lights in the prison put the fog in me eyes an' Oi can't see much now. But sure, th' elevated was runnin' when Oi went away. There wasn't any of them 'trolley' busses, though, an' a devil a wan Oi liver see before today."

"If you got out, what would you like to see most when you came back?"

"Well, now, Oi never thought o' that," replied the old man. Oi guess the first thing Oi'd do would be to find me a sunny corner somewhere out av the way, where Oi could sit and smoke and where Oi could spend the rest av me days. This Oi'd like to have a walk around Central Park, and Oi guess that's about all. But sure, Oi wouldn't be so much av a stranger here. Oi know all the streets from Harlem to the Battery an' Oi could find ivery wan av them."

"What have you been doing in the prison?"

"Divil a thing for some time. Sure an' Oi'm too old to be any good. Oi worked in the shoe shop for about six or seven years and thin they put me in the kitchen. The bath house, an' there Oi stayed till Oi near got me skull cracked with 'em pulling it down. Since thin, with the fog in me eyes, Oi wasn't any good an' Oi've just made me headquarters at the dumps, an' done nothing."

"An' sure, Oi never was locked a day in me cell for all the twenty-four years till a while ago, when a new guard come to the prison an' seen me walkin' about by myself."

"Gitt in line with the other prisoners," says he.

"Who are you?" says Oi.

"Oi'll show you," says he, an' with that he hustled me off to me cell. Oi was powerful sorry for that. It was the first time anybody ever said a harsh word to me there, an' Oi wanted to keep me record clean."

Downing has something over \$700 to his credit in the prison on account of wages. Besides that, he draws a pension of \$12 a month from the Government on account of wounds he received in the Civil War. Of his pension he has several hundred dollars laid by and he says that, with what he has, he will return without objection. He says that he intended to pay the fine of \$100,000 when he was due there.

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Men's Overcoats, made of strictly all-wool Black and Oxford Frieze, medium or loose back, full length, desirable box style. The match of these Overcoats cannot be secured elsewhere under \$12.50; our price \$9.96.

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\$2.98 for children's \$4.00 Sailor Suits, made of navy blue wide-wale Serge, shields tastefully embroidered, taped seams, sizes 2½ to 8 years.

\$3.49 for children's \$6.50 Sailor Russian Blouse Suits, made of soft finished navy blue Serge, collar trimmed with seven rows of silk soutache braid, anchor embroidered in silk on shield and sleeves.

\$4.94 for children's \$7.50 and \$10.00 Cape Overcoats, made of cadet and navy cloth, lined with heavy flannel, velvet collar, brass buttons.

Men's Made-to-Measure Suits

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With Sideways for Pedestrians; Cost \$400,000—State Commission Experts Recommend It—Remedy Talked of at a New Hearing—Anti-Strander Rule.

The State Railroad Commission resumed its hearings in the matter of congested car facilities in this city yesterday, holding an all-day session in the Aldermanic chamber of the City Hall, at which President Vreeland and Assistant General Manager Root of the Interurban Company were questioned regarding that company's lines. The basis for the inquiry was a series of recommendations, seventeen in all, suggested by the Merchants' Association for better conditions on the surface lines in this borough.

The recommendations varied all the way from more stringent spacing of cars to new lines of cars. Of them all, that one which the lawyers of the association, who assumed the rôle of inquirers at the inquiry, with the board as the court, seemed to dwell with the most insistence was one calling for two conductors on each car, one to collect fares and the other to stop and start the car and see that people didn't spit.

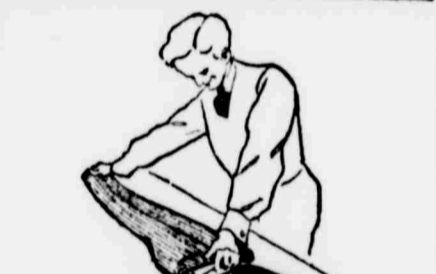
There were looks of great glee on the lawyers' faces when Mr. Vreeland and Mr. Root, in both cases, were asked to give their views on the matter. Mr. Vreeland, who said that a conductor couldn't collect fares and see people spit at the same time. The lawyers wanted the board to order the two-conductor rule then and there.

"One of them to be a spit man," suggested Mr. Vreeland.

Nearly a score of organizations who are arrayed against the railroad company were represented at the hearing, but they left the talking to the Merchants' Association. Mr. Vreeland said at the outset that Mr. Root would answer all questions, so Mr. Root was sworn. He said that he wouldn't answer questions about the Bronx lines because they were not run by the Interurban company. Mr. Vreeland explained that they were only financially controlled by that company.

In reply to the suggestion that more cars be run in Madison avenue, Mr. Root said that the limit of headway had been reached on that line as it had on several others and that experts who had spent two months in investigating the two-car train system in other cities had reported that it would not better things here because of the additional power required and the difficulty of discharging passengers.

Mr. Root estimated that the proper regulation of vehicle traffic would help matters all over the city, at about 25 per cent. Asked if there had not been a letter regarding the traffic since Gen. Greene became Police Commissioner, Mr. Root said that there had been it was only because the police had done it themselves and not through any order from the Commissioner. Mr. Vreeland said that Gen. Greene had refused to take any action until he had advice from the Corporation Counsel.



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be too dangerous for this city and that two conductors would mean an unwise division of responsibility.

Mr. Vreeland answered the suggestion that no persons be allowed to ride that way, couldn't get home when they wanted to. "Go to any of the large cities," said Mr. Vreeland, "and you find this same thing. In the last two years because of the extension of the eight-hour law, more than 200,000 persons have been added to the crowds travelling between 7 and 8 and 8 and 9 o'clock."

When the lawyers for the Merchants' Association got through questioning Mr. Vreeland and Mr. Root without eliciting much in support of their recommendations, Chairman Cole of the commission put Frederick M. Shepard, one of the experts employed by the board to study the matter, on the stand. Mr. Shepard has devised a plan for relief in Broadway and Third street which Chairman Cole said the commission approved and which the railroad company will probably be asked to adopt.

The proposal is to build a subway underneath the intersecting point with sidewalks for pedestrians. The entrances to this tunnel, for which plans have been drawn, would be 400 feet long and would cost about \$400,000.

Mr. Vreeland would not express any opinion on the plan yesterday. It was said at the inquiry that about seven hundred cars an hour pass that intersecting point and that there can never be a better service on Broadway till something is done to avoid this.

Mr. Shepard had five suggestions for improvement.

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MEN'S SHIRTS

And Other Furnishings

WE whetted the public appetite a few weeks ago, and even the vast and unusual quantities prepared didn't go half way round in satisfying your demands. Today we duplicate many of the offerings of the former sale, and present still greater offerings to head the best list of bargains in Men's Wear that New York has seen in many a day.

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Men's Unlaundered Shirts at 35c; 3 for \$1

These are the best White Shirts that were ever made at the price. Bosoms are of pure linen, with single or double plaits; bodies are made of excellent muslin; seams are neatly and substantially sewed; open at back; reinforced back and front; two lengths of sleeves, 31 and 33-in.; continuous facing at all openings. Sizes 13½ to 17½. They fit as well as shirts at three times the price. 35c each; 3 for \$1.

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Two hundred and fifty Boys' Fancy Percale Shirts, with stiff bosoms and detachable cuffs. A clean-up of lots sold previously at 50c to \$1 each; now 25c each; 3 for \$1.

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Men's Surplice-Neck Night Shirts, At 50c

These are the best Night Shirts we ever saw at the price. Made of good muslin, in ample sizes; with the comfortable and good looking surplice neck; with neat colored trimming. 50c each.

Men's Pajamas At \$1.50 Worth Double

This is a handsome collection of sample garments from one of the best concerns that make pajamas. Made of madras, cheviot and sateen, in the smartest styles brought out this season, and an almost endless variety of them. \$1.50 a suit; worth double.

Men's Scarfs at 12½c

A clean-up of odd lots of 25c and 50c Four-in-Hands and Tecks, in a variety of colors, in silks and satins, 12½c each.

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Borough President Cantor said the only thing the municipal authorities wanted to get was a rule prohibiting people from standing up in open cars. But he said was intolerable. Chairman Cole agreed with him. The board announced at the close of the hearing that it would make known its orders in about ten days. In the meantime Chairman Cole said, it would formulate its order for the Brooklyn roads.

Smallpox at Fort Snocum.

New Rochelle, N. Y., Jan. 22.—William Cassidy, a recruit at the United States artillery garrison at Fort Snocum on the Sound, has developed symptoms of smallpox. The other soldiers of his mess have been quarantined.

O'Neill's

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CHILDREN'S REEFERS, made of Cheviot and Covert Cloth, in Norfolk and box back, sizes 6 to 12 years, reduced from \$5.75 to \$2.98

CHILDREN'S GRETCHENS (three-quarter and full length), made of Zibelines and Camel-hair Cheviots, sizes 6 to 12 years, reduced from \$13.50 to \$7.98

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BOYS' SEPARATE SHORT PANTS of all-wool Cassimeres, Worsteds, Tweeds, Navy Blue Cheviots and Drab Corduroys, sizes 4 to 16 years, formerly 96c; now 49c

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